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TOPIC Soviet Ordnance Depot in Biesenthal

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1. In March and April 1954, about 45 to 60 AT guns or field guns of about 76.2-mm and 4 large 152-mm guns were observed in a Soviet depot just south of Biesenthal railroad station. Several workshop trucks and several other trucks were parked near the guns in the yard. Two of the six observation towers were occupied.¹ 25X1
2. In late February 1954, the ordnance depot in Biesenthal was operated by an estimated 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Ten trucks apparently belonged to the depot. In late January 1954, approximately 60 AT guns which had arrived up to that time were trucked away. More guns, some of which seemed to have been used, arrived during the following weeks. During the period from February to early May 1954, the ordnance and equipment depot in Biesenthal dispatched guns between 35-mm and 76-mm, mortars and military goods in boxes to units in Prenzlau, Jueterbog-Altes Lager, Satz Korn and Furstenwalde. Incoming shipments arrived from these posts during that period. In mid-April 1954, about 50 guns between 70 mm and 80 mm were observed at the depot. On 6 May 1954, 34 boxcarloads with boxes arrived for Unit in Biesenthal from Frankfurt/Oder.² 25X1

1. Comment. The trucks listed belong to the 6th Gds Mech Div, the 10th Gds Tank Div and to army troops of the Fourth Gds Mech Army.

2. Comment. Another shipment depot of the GDFG is located in Jueterbog-Altes Lager. The shipments to Prenzlau contained equipment for the 25th Tank Div and those to Satz Korn equipment for the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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